

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EXCESS SHORTAGE OF WATER IN STATES

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the States having excess water as well as those having shortage of water;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;
- (c) the corrective measures the Government proposes to take in this regard; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate water to the water-scarce States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) to (d) No such studies have been done by the Government. However, the Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) and Central Water Commission (CWC) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging interbasin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit ones. NPP comprises of two components, viz.

(i) Himalayan rivers development component and

(ii) Peninsular rivers development component. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up in 1982 as a registered Society under MOWR to carry out detailed studies for NPP. NWDA, based on water balance and other studies, identified 30 links (14 under Himalayan and 16 under Peninsular) for preparation of feasibility reports (FR). FRs of 16 (2 Himalayan and 14 Peninsular) links have been completed by NWDA. Recently a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for one priority link viz. Ken-Betwa has been signed by the concerned States for preparation of Detailed Project Report by Central Government.